

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church
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Sunday, Nov. 5: 22nd Sunday after Pentecost / Church Anniversary / The Holy Apostle James the Brother of the Lord
Epistle Gal. 6:11-18; Gal. 1:11-19 Gospel Luke 16:19-31; Matt. 13:54-58 tone 5th
3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school. Church anniversary dinner

Monday, November 6 - Funeral Service of + Janice Enich Taylor at 11 am in our church.

Tuesday, November 7 Vigil / confession at 6 pm

Wednesday, November 8 – St Demetrios the myrrh-gusher of Thessaloniki / Sv Dimitrije solunski Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday, November 11 – Ven Abramius the recluse / Sv Avramije zatvornik Vigil/confession at 5 pm

Sunday, November 12 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost / St Milutin of Serbia / St Varnava of Hvosno Nastic
Epistle Eph. 2:4-10 Gospel Luke 8:26-39 tone 6th
3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Church school. Kolo sestara meeting. ASSC and Culture club luncheon

Upcoming Feast days and events:

November 14 – Ss Cosmas and Damian / Sv Vracevi Kozma I Damjan
16 – Dedication of St George church / Djurdjic

We are praying especially for: Radovan Jovanovich, Richard and Nancy Jovanovich, Christopher, Sandy Grundy, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Craig Vercelote, Steva Iacsin, Nicholas Malinovich, Jovanka Rastović, Natalie Radakovich, Alexandra Starceвич, Sophia Chuk, and all others in our parish who are ill, afflicted, suffering and/or unable to attend services. May Our Lord Jesus Christ Touch Them with His Healing Hand!

Pomens (Litany) +Dimitrije Sajic, given by Velibor Sajic & family; +Chris Nikolich, given by Jim/Elaine Czajkoski; + Donna Moses, given by Ron Moses family; +Chris Nikolich, given by Fr Ned Lunich; +Milorad and +Ruzica Dmitrov, given by Steva/Druginja Lukin;

Forms are now available at the wardens' stand for stewards interested in serving on the 2024 Church Board. Please submit your form by Sunday, Nov 19, 2023

Faithful who are prepared to partake of holy communion, when you approach the chalice, please open your mouth and put your head back. Don't cross yourself in front of the chalice.

Join us in celebrating our St. George anniversary on November 5, commemorating 95 years as a church community. To mark this occasion, we will have a special luncheon at the Social Center following the Liturgy. There is no set fee for the meal and any contribution will be applied to your 2023 stewardship.

KISSING THE HAND OF THE PRIEST IS NOT ABOUT THE MAN.

The kissing of the priest's hand is not about the man, but rather about Christ. It is much like the kissing of an Icon, which is not about the veneration of paint and wood, but about the archetype represented in the Icon. When we kiss the hand of the Bishop or Priest, we are not showing respect to the person of the priest but to his sacred office.

The priest as priest represents Christ and is therefore a living Icon of Christ. Though he be a sinner and unworthy in and of himself of such respect, that he touches the most Holy things -- the precious Body and blood of the Lord, the kiss is in actually, extended to Christ. Through ordination he has received the grace of God to Impart spiritual gifts and blessings, so we should not deprive ourselves of blessings by refusing the priest's blessings.

There is the true story of a priest pulling away his hand in order to prevent Czar Nicholas II from kissing his hand. The Emperor ordered him to extend it, saying "I am not kissing your hand, but the hand of Christ". In refusing to allow anyone to kiss his hand, any priest, who out of false humility would deprive a pious Christian of the opportunity to kiss his hand, deprive the person of Christ's blessings. We should show this respect and receive this blessing whenever we greet and bid farewell to our spiritual authorities.

Also, we should kiss their right hands when we receive the antidoron (the blessed bread at the end of liturgy) from them or receive the prayer of absolution at confession or other prayers. We do not, however, kiss the priest's hand when receiving Holy Communion Lest we risk an accident with the Holy Chalice.

The proper way to greet a priest or Bishop is to ask his blessings and kiss his right hand, placing your right hand over your left hand and say "Father" or "Master" in the case of the Bishop, bless. He will make the sign of the cross and place his right hand over yours. When you kiss their hands, you show respect for their office they are the ones who "bless and Sanctify" you and who offer the Holy gifts on your behalf. So next time you greet your priest or Bishop, don't shake his hand, ask for his blessings. Also, it has been the custom in orthodox countries.

Lord, we raise Israel and Gaza to You, and pray for those suffering. We ask that You provide peace in this crisis, and protection and comfort for all those who have been impacted. We lift our prayer to You, Lord, hear us.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!
Идите у миру, волите и служите Господа!